

I claim:

1. A metal detector comprising:

a substantially non-metallic housing that defines a hollow cavity and a human walking surface; and

a metal scanner element positioned in the hollow cavity defined by the non-metallic housing,

wherein the walking surface receives a covered human foot.
2. The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substantially non-metallic housing is plastic.
3. The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substantially non-metallic housing is partially translucent.
4. The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the human walking surface defined by the substantially non-metallic housing is inclined with respect to a planar human walking surface.
5. The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, further comprising indicia positioned adjacent to the human walking surface of the substantially non-metallic housing.
6. The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal scanner element is a wand-type metal scanner.
7. The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, wherein a device selected from the group comprising an on/off switch, a battery source, and an LED is also positioned in the hollow cavity.
8. The metal detector as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a second metal detector positioned adjacent to the metal detector, the second metal detector comprising:

a second substantially non-metallic housing that defines a second hollow cavity and a second human walking surface; and

a second metal scanner element positioned in the second hollow cavity defined by the second non-metallic housing,

wherein the human walking surface and the second human walking surface each receive a covered human foot.

9. The metal detector as claimed in claim 8, wherein the human walking surface defined by the substantially non-metallic housing is angled with respect to a planar human walking surface.

10. The metal detector as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second human walking surface defined by the substantially non-metallic housing is angled with respect to a planar human walking surface.

11. A method to check human shoes, socks, and feet for metal objects comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a stationary metal detector on a floor surface; and
- b) positioning a shoed human foot on the stationary metal detector.

12. The method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising the step of passing a shoed human foot over the stationary metal detector in place of step a).